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a partitioning wall for separating the interior of the case into an ink chamber for holding ink and an atmosphere connection path communicating to the outside of the case, wherein the ink chamber is open on the first surface and the second surface sides;

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a first cover for covering the first surface of the case so that a path is formed for communicating between the ink chamber and the atmosphere connection path

a second cover for covering the second surface of the case; and

an ink supply hole joined to the recording head, formed in the second cover so as to communicate with the ink chamber.

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70. (Amended) The ink cartridge according to claim 53, wherein the first chamber communicates with the atmosphere connection path near the first surface, and communicates with the second chamber near the second surface, and the second chamber communicates with the ink supply hole.

Please add claim 71 as follows:

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--71. An ink cartridge for holding ink supplied to a recording head, comprising:
a case having a first surface on the outside of the case and a second surface on the outside of the case in opposition, the first and second surfaces are open;

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a partitioning wall for separating the interior of the case into an ink chamber for holding ink and an atmosphere connection path communicating to the outside of the case, wherein the ink chamber is open on the first surface and the second surface sides;

a first cover for covering the first surface of the case so that a path is formed for communicating between the ink chamber and the atmosphere connection path; and

a second partitioning wall for dividing the ink chamber into a first chamber for accommodating a porous material absorbing ink and a second chamber holding ink, wherein one of the first chamber and the second chamber is covered by the first cover and the other of the chambers is covered by the second cover.--